**New branches of RRBS**

†*92. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of Regional Rural Banks, State-wise;

(b) whether the branches of Regional Rural Banks have been opened in 1990 and even after that;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether some new branches of rural banks are proposed to be opened in the current Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) A Statement giving the number of branches of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) State-wise, number of branches opened during 1989-90 and thereafter State-wise and branches proposed to be opened during Current Five Year Plan is enclosed as statement.

***Statement***

*Details regarding the number of branches of RRBs State-wise, number of branches opened during 1989-90 and thereafter State-wise proposed to be opened during current Five Year Plan*

| Sl. No. | Name of State | Total No. of Branches (as on 31-03-04) | No. of Branches opened during 1989-90 | No. of Branches opened after 1990 | Branches Proposed to be opened during current Five Year Plan |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | Haryana | 295 | 0 | 9 | 58 |
| 2 | Himachal Pradesh | 133 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| 3 | Jammu & Kashmir | 266 | 0 | 18 | 8 |
| 4 | Punjab | 203 | 6 | 12 | 8 |
| 5 | Rajasthan | 1010 | 3 | 29 | 35 |

† Origtnal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

| 1 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 Arunachal Pradesh | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 Assam | 398 | 11 | 43 | 20 |
| 8 Manipur | 29 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 Meghalaya | 51 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| 10 Mizoram | 54 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| 11 Nagaland | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 Tripura | 87 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| 13 Bihar | 1486 | 18 | 7 | 36 |
| 14 Jharkhand | 390 | 10 | 36 | 1 |
| 15 Orissa | 831 | 2 | 40 | 28 |
| 16 West Bengal | 873 | 22 | 14 | 96 |
| 17 Chhattisgarh | 436 | 0 | 5 | 17 |
| 18 Madhya Pradesh | 1053 | 0 | 33 | 33 |
| 19 Uttaranchal | 168 | 19 | 4 | 6 |
| 20 Uttar Pradesh | 2844 | 3 | 122 | 45 |
| 21 Gujarat | 376 | 34 | 43 | 35 |
| 22 Maharashtra | 593 | 1 | 28 | 14 |
| 23 Andhra Pradesh | 1170 | 7 | 130 | 80 |
| 24 Karnataka | 1113 | 0 | 30 | 63 |
| 25 Kerala | 353 | 0 | 94 | 37 |
| 26 Tamil Nadu | 209 | 1 | 15 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 14446 | 150 | 724 | 636 |

**External debt**

*93. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's external debt has risen to US $ 113 billion as on June 2004;

(b) the components that helped in increase of external debt;